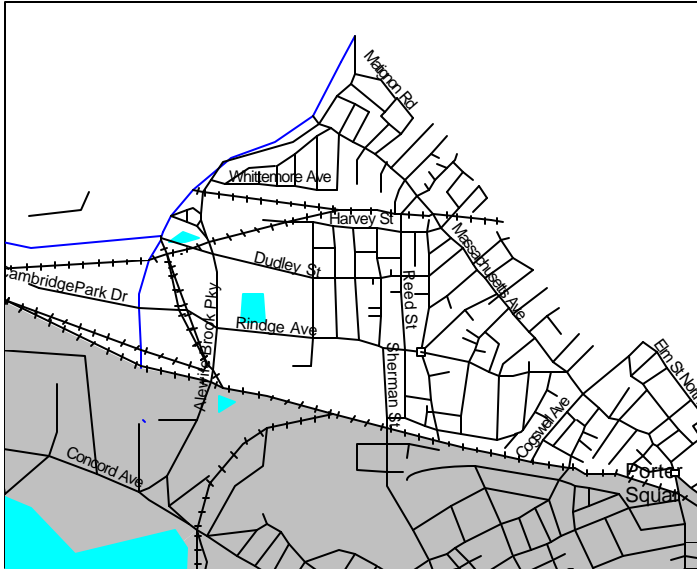
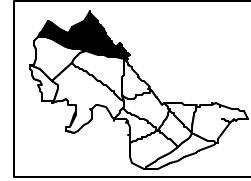


NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642 residents
4,699 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Although a significant increase in **housebreaks** (62%) has been registered, it is important to note only 15 incidents were reported this quarter. A pattern from the first three months of the year was eradicated with the arrest of a Somerville man. A spree of burglaries (3) was reported in the same apartment building on Cogswell Avenue in September, however no other multiple breaks at a building were reported. The perpetrators targeted electronics, laptops, and jewelry. • Over half (55%) of all **street robberies** (+125%) occurred during the past three months. Three were purse snatchings, two of which occurred on the same night in September, unrelated in nature. The robberies concentrated between 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. • No change was reported in **auto thefts** from last year's total at this time as no patterns were reported. **Larcenies for motor vehicles** increased (+13%), and two sprees were reported during July. Within two weeks, there were eight thefts, four during each. Reported overnight. The vehicles were entered by smashing a window, stealing the stereos or items left by the owners. • The **malicious destruction of property** total decreased despite the spree of ten smashed car windows that was reported one night in March in the area of Pemberton, Cogswell and Rice Streets. There were no patterns established for the past three months, although most incidents involved damaging vehicles • The two **drug arrest** incidents resulted in four Cambridge men arrested. Both incidents were subsequent to a warrant arrest and an underage male seen drinking in public.

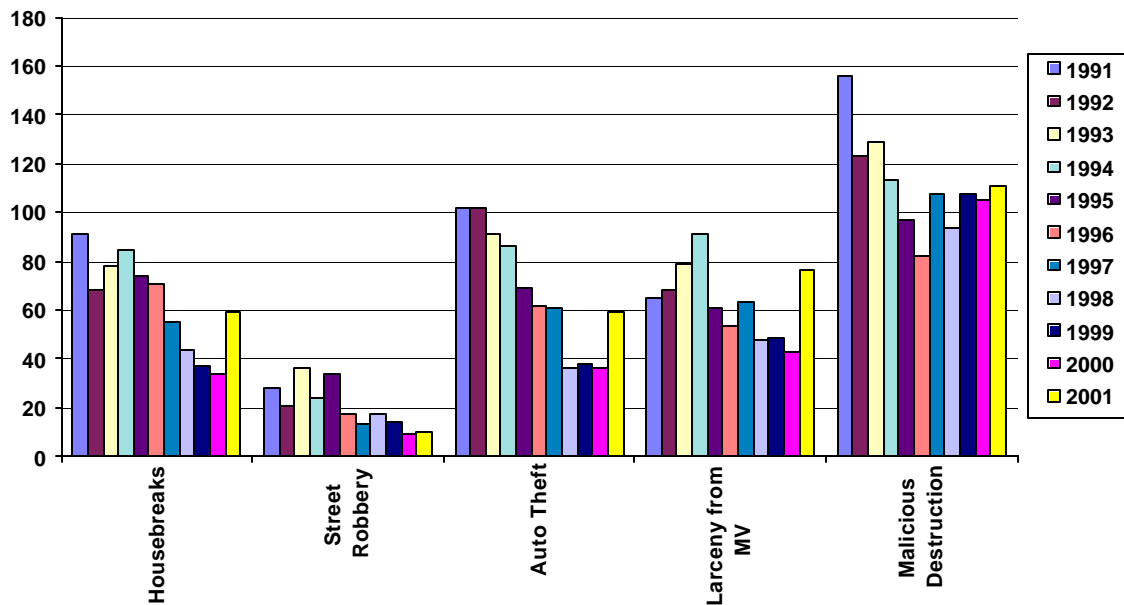
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

| CRIME | 3 rd Q 2001 | 3 rd Q 2002 | % CHANGE |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Housebreaks | 29 | 47 | +62% |
| Street Robbery | 4 | 9 | +125% |
| Auto Theft | 36 | 36 | N.C. |
| Larceny from MVs | 48 | 54 | +13% |
| Malicious Destruction | 96 | 91 | -5% |
| Drug Arrests | 11 | 7 | -36% |

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



| ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Crime | 1981-1990 | Rank 81-90* | 1991-2000 | Rank 91-00* | Rank 2001* |
| Housebreaks | 100 | 6 | 64 | 3 | 4 |
| Street Robbery | 30 | 5 | 22 | 3 | 9 |
| Auto Theft | 130 | 5 | 69 | 4 | 3 |
| Larceny from MVs | 105 | 6 | 62 | 6 | 4 |
| Malicious Destruction | 125 | 4 | 111 | 2 | 2 |

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest